1	2	3	4	5
35.	M/s Gujarat Agro Industries Agro Corporation	Solvant Extraction Plant Post Barja	20.00	150
36.	Nagaland		20.00	150
37.	Karnataka (KCD Corporation)	Bangalore Road	20.00	150
38.	Rajasthan (SFCI)	Suratgarh	20.00	150
39.	M/s Karnataka (RAIC)	Hebbal Road	20.00	150
40.	M/s H.F.C. (Assam)	Silchar	20.00	150
41.	M/s DAIC (Raygada)	Rayagada	20.00	150
42.	Himachal Pradesh	Howthoranvilla Simla	11.16	50

Cold Storage Facility

2096. SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether 30% of production of fresh fruits, etc. is wasted in transit and storage due to lack of cold storage facilities all over the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to give grant in-aid or subsidy to create cold storage facilities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) No survey has been conducted by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries to assess the loss of fresh fruits, etc. However it is estimated that 25 to 30 per cent of production of fresh fruits, etc. is wasted due to lack of cold storage facilities and perishability of the produce.

(b) and (c) With a view to reduce the post-harvest handling losses for fruits & vegetables and also processed fruit & vegetable products, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries had implemented a plan Scheme during the VIIIth Five Year Plan. It is also proposed to continue the Scheme during the IXth plan period including the year 1997-98, to provide assistance to the Joint/assisted sector undertakings, cooperatives, non-Governmental organizations, voluntary organizations and private sector undertakings, etc. for setting up of cold storages in the country.

Under the proposed Scheme, it is intended to provide assistance to such implementing agency as Joint/assisted sector undertakings, cooperatives, non-Governmental organizations, voluntary organizations, upto 50 per cent of the cost of land, building, plant & machinery and other insulation equipments subject to a maximum of Rs. 1 crore.

In case of such cold storages being set up in North-Eastern states including Sikkim and ITDP areas, the quantum of assistance would be enhanced to 75 per cent of the cost of land, building, Plant & Machinery and other insulation equipments, etc. subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.25 crore.

In case of such cold storages being set up by private sector undertakings, assistance available is proposed to be 25 per cent of the cost of land, building, plant & machinery and insulation equipments, etc. Subject to a maximum of Rs. 25 lakhs. The assistance available in these cases for setting up of cold storages would be in the form of grant-in-aid.

Production of Cotton

2097. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of cotton during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the total areas under cultivation of cotton in each State during the said period and at present;

(c) the expected cotton production for the current season and the target fixed during 1997-98;

(d) whether farmers in some States are shifting from cotton to other commercial crops;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor, State-wise ; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to reverse the trend in view of achieving the desired target ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c) The estimates of area and production of cotton during each of the last three years i.e., 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97, State-wise, is in the attached Statement.

The target of production of cotton for 1997-98 is set at 148 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each. It is, however, too early to assess the area as well as production of cotton for the current year, i.e., 1997-98 as the sowings of cotton is still in progress in some of the States.

(d) to (f) The area coverage under cotton has generally been increasing in the major producing States and as such there is no shift of area away from cotton. Further, in order to increase the productivity and production of cotton, the Government is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme Intensive Cotton Development Programme in 11 producing States.

Statement

Estimate of Area and Production of Cotton

State	Area(Thousand Hectares)			Production (Thousand Bales of 170 kgs Each		
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (Advance)*	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (Advance)*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh	844.5	1056.8	1007	1425.6	1626.6	1849
Assam	1.7	1.7	2	0.8	0.8	1
Bihar	0.2	0.2		0.5	0.4	
Gujarat	1204.7	1410.4	1524	2269.3	2201.4	2823
Haryana	557.0	646.0	649	1373.0	1283.0	1504
Himachal Pradesh	0.2	0.2		0.4	0.4	
Jammu & Kashmir	0.1	0.1		0.2	0.2	
Karnataka	635.8	673.8	668	822.0	849.1	932
Kerala	13.8	13.8	14	21.8	21.3	21
Madhya Pradesh	477.0	537.0	527	345.7	422.4	437
Maharashtra	2759.9	3065.4	3085	2500.3	2799.2	3143
Manipur	0.1	0.1		0.1	0.1	
Meghalaya	7.5	7.5		5.3	5.3	
Mizoram	1.1	1.0		2.8	2.5	
Nagaland	0.1	0.1		0.3	0.3	
Orissa	6.6	10.9	14	9.7	26.5	28
Punjab	606.0	750.0	742	1779.0	1950.0	1925
Rajasthan	485.9	606.2	654	875.2	1338.3	1363
Tamil Nadu	255.3	265.4	260	440.0	546.8	480
Tripura	2.0	1.1		2.4	1.7	
Uttar Pradesh	10.5	14.5	8	11.6	15.1	7
West Bengal	0.1	0.1		0.1	0.1	
Pondicherry	0.9	1.1		1.5	1.8	
Others	-	-	12	-	-	13
All India	7871.0	9063.4	9166	11883.6	13094.3	14526

*As on 16-6-97.